of Rs. 51.18 crore. Out of this, indemnity claims worth Rs. 9.29 crore have already been paid by the General Insurance Corporation of India (GIC) to the State Government. The remaining indemnity claims of Rs. 41.89 crore have also since been cleared by the Government of India. The Government of Gujarat have offered to release their 1|3rd share for this amount. Action has since been taken by the Government of India to release its 2|3rd share.

Setting up of a separate transport body

437. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the urban areas are facing serious transport problems, resulting from rapid growth in population;

(b) if so, whether there is any proposal to set up a separate Urban Transport Body to tackle this problem with comprehensive short-term and long-term plans; and

(c) by when such a body is proposed to be brought into being?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI DALBIR SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir, metropolitan and major cities are facing these problems.

(b) A Task Force set up by the Ministry of Urban Development in its report on Mass Rapid Transit System for Delhi has recommended the setting up of Unified Metropolitan Authority to take an overall and integrated view of the total transportation system and to plan coordinated, integrated and efficiently manage and develop the various sub-transport systems operating in the city to ensure their optimum utilisation and coordinated growth.

(c) Such a body will be established in due course, if found necessary.

Filmotsav held at Trivandrum

438. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) what are the main features of the Filmotsav held at Trivandrum recently, as district from the film festivals held in India in previous years; and the total expenditure incurred thereon;

(b) the details of prizes won by the Indian films at the festival; and

(c) what is the impact of this Filmotsav on Indian film industry?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND THE MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (SHRI H. K. L. BHAGAT): (a) The distinct features of the Filmotsav, '88 included screenings of films from Central Asia, a section on Malyalam Cinema, and two special homage sections on late Shri M. G. Ramachandran and late Shri John Abraham. The Documentary Section focussed on "Apartheid and Nuclear Question". In addition, there were special screenings of selected films made by students of the Film & Television Institute of India. The provisional expenditure on the Filmotsav is Rs. 51 lakhs. The figures are subject to reconciliation and audit.

(b) This Festival was non-competitive in nature and therefore, no prizes were awarded.

(c) Film Festivals are organised *inter-alia*, to expose domestic film makers to the best of cinema from all over the world. Film Festivals also provide an opportunity to project Indian films abroad. Filmotsav '88 has also contributed towards these aims.